

# State of North Carolina

**PAT McCrORY**

GOVERNOR

VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, since our nation's inception, men and women dedicated to freedom and democracy have served our nation with honor and distinction as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States was involved in the Vietnam War from 1961-1975, with the passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on August 10, 1964, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson authorization to use conventional military force in Southeast Asia without a formal declaration of war by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3,009,000 Americans served in Southeast Asia, with more than 58,000 Americans losing their lives and more than 304,000 wounded, defending our nation's freedom and honor; and

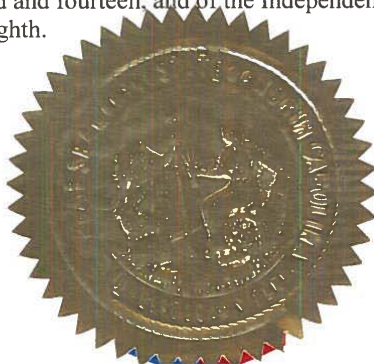
**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina has 1,609 names listed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, and 43 North Carolinians are still listed as "Missing in Action" in Southeast Asia; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina honors our Vietnam Veterans for their courage and sacrifice and we recognize and remember with gratitude those who gave their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which for many marks the beginning of the Vietnam War, the State of North Carolina joins our nation in celebrating Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2014, as "**VIETNAM VETERANS RECOGNITION DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.



  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor